

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 10, 2025 BANCROFT MEETING

The regular scheduled meeting for the City of Bancroft, KY was called to order by Mayor Ed Evers at 7:07 P.M. on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at St. Albert the Great School, Louisville, Kentucky. Those present: Mayor Ed Evers, Clerk Shannon Tuthill, Chief David Mudd, Treasurer Arnold Shaikun, Commissioners Erick Berryhill, Brad Baker, Pam Magers and Gerrie Leppert. Residents: Bianca and Dylan Koesling. 2302 Tavener Drive.

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Evers proceeded to review the November meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Berryhill to accept November meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Baker. All in favor and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

Clerk

Clerk Tuthill gave the following report.

Met with Treasurer Shaikun to sign checks and provide month end reports.

Created and distributed December newsletter with Mailchimp.

Payroll taxes have been paid and reports submitted.

The resident that had their tax check payment check returned was contacted and has resubmitted payment in full.

There are still six outstanding tax bills. A notice has been prepared to send to these residents.

One resident contacted Treasurer and said they mailed their check in October but it was never deposited so they wanted to see if ever received. I did not see this email until Monday December 8 so I checked and we had not received payment. I asked they resubmit as soon as possible. The resident asked if they could still pay the discounted rate and I said I would take this before the commission for review.

Commission feels we should not give an exception to honoring a discount when not received by due date.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Evers provided the following report.

Commissioner Baker, Treasurer Shaikun and I have been working together to resolve any possible outstanding balance due to be returned to the federal government. Commissioner Baker will be shortly sending a letter explaining our position and what we estimate any balance to be.

Our government auction contact is working on pricing and an approach to selling the police car. She indicates that to get any real value it should be auctioned to the general public which means we will have to remove all lighting.

The government auction for old police vehicle will be listed tomorrow December 11 – 20.

City Maintenance

Commissioner Leppert gave the following report. Christmas decorations have been placed on all city lights.

Resident off of Bancroft Lane had a tree removed from their property resulting in damage to our fence line. The damage has been assessed and new posts and slats ordered. Chief of police notified homeowner of their responsibility regarding cost to repair the fence.

First snow falls of the season requiring snow removal completed without any complaints.

Communication and Public Outreach

Commissioner Berryhill gave the following report.

Wants agenda by first of the month from everyone so that can get posted on website so residents can see and plan if they wish to attend.

Holiday lighting doesn't seem unreasonable expense. Question about cost of tapping electricity for lights from existing poles.

Question about tree disposal after holidays from Rumpke.

Public Services

Commissioner Magers gave the following report. No issues with Rumpke or complaints. No changes in trash pickup for the holidays.

There are no remarkable items to report regarding November waste removal services. I plan to begin the process for the Rumpke contract renewal, covering the period of July 2025 through June 2027, in early January 2026.

City Lights:

I have reported the following burned-out city lights:

- 7416 Greenlawn
- 1901 Hollen
- 7608 Old Orchard Circle

We still have not received an expected start date from LGE for the conversion of the city lights to LED. I will follow up again this month (December).

Police Department

Mayor Evers gave the following report: Chief Mudd would like the commission to consider the police department entering a program with the federal government. He would like to participate in the "287(g) program with our approval. Chief Mudd learned of this program while seeking avenues to have more successful percentages in his work. Many of the arrests he has made get reduced from the main issue down to simple misdemeanors prior to arraignment. Close to 65% of his arrests go this route, without his input or participation. This results in zero responsibility or accountability on the part of the person charged. For the city of Bancroft, it may lead over time to one of the accused suing the city and its police

for false arrest or something like that. This program will begin with his application to participate. After 40 hours of Inservice training he will gain authority to enforce immigration law violations as well (currently 60-70% of his stops). Once he is certified the city will be remunerated for any time spent on "immigration" issues, creating an additional revenue stream. Chief Mudd will enlarge on this.

Chief Mudd gave the following report. There were 20 days of patrol in the city. There were 19 Radar/Stop Sign details performed for high police visibility. There were 2 calls for service (Ordinance Violations - Dog and Refuse). There were 55 traffic stops made for traffic infractions. B-32 / NB-23. There were 20 traffic citations issued. B-13 / NB-7. There were 0 Written Warnings issued. There were 35 verbal warnings issued. B-18 / NB-17. There were 0 motorist assists. There were 2 arrests. There were 0 warnings given for a parking infraction. There were 4 visits to residents' homes for the "House Watch" program. There were 7 vehicles towed. There were 4 assists to other agencies: LPD – 1. There were 0 Ordinance Investigations. I attended the November Commission Meeting. I worked the Thanksgiving Holiday. Chief Mudd has had issues for years pulling people over for false license plates. When he goes to arraignment it is reduced to misdemeanor so it holds no weight.

Finance and Administration

Commissioner Baker gave the following report.

There is nothing unexpected to report in the monthly financials. We had a bottom-line Negative Net Income of \$6,106.68 for the month of Nov. 2025. On a straight-line basis, we would expect a negative \$2,719.42 in monthly Net Income. YTD, we have a positive \$78,249.62 of Net Income vs. an expected straight-line loss of \$13,957.10 after five months.

On our Cash Basis budget, we had a negative \$3,315.26 for the month of Nov. vs. a straight-line expectation of zero. YTD, we are positive \$92,206.62 on our Cash Basis budget. The only notable expense for the month was tree removal on Bancroft Lane for \$8,475.75. However, the Grounds and Maintenance budget is still on track at this point.

We expect to continue a pattern of negative Net Income months for the remainder of the fiscal year and to finish within budget on both a Cash and Non-Cash Accounting Basis.

We do expect a loss on returning ARPA Funds. There is some confusion in the reporting we see from the State with regards to some initial and later expenditures. Also, some items may not have been reported, or recorded, in the proper amounts. I am also unsure if we were granted an extension to appeal and to submit (resubmit) past expenditures.

The ARPA issue is a source of frustration and we will continue to work to get resolution asap. I hope to have more info by the 12/10/25 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ARPA Funds

Mayor Evers reported that he feels that all ARPA payments were reported correctly.

Commissioner Baker sending letter to government claiming that we did not owe the money they have stated. Feel there is a discrepancy in the reporting and we will go from there.

Mayor Evers emailed the treasury department advising that we are disputing the amount of money they said is owed. Additionally asked for extension of time to file.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agenda Publication

Commission Berryhill asked that everyone let Mayor know as soon as possible if they want anything added to Agenda for the following month. He would like to see on website by first of the month. Mayor said let's do better getting information to clerk by first of the month so this can be done timelier.

2. Direct Online Payment of Taxes

Commissioner Berryhill has asked Trevor about online payments. We take excel spreadsheet with tax payment information. Upload to Stripe for online payment processing. There will be a cost to resident for using this service. We would not want to incur this expense as a city but would pass all fees along to the residents.

Clerk will reach out to Graymoor clerk and see if they use an online tax bill payment option.

3. Program 287(g) Participation

Chief Mudd explained there is a problem with temporary tags in Kentucky. That we use for new purchase of vehicle until permanent tags are received. Tags are easily forged and one police stop that he made was a car dealership owner that was selling thousands of temp tags a year. He has been tracking all of the stops and arrests he has made for the temp fraudulent tags. The charges are being lowered to misdemeanors or some lesser charge.

90% of the stops with the false tags are non-English speaking. Probably 50-60% illegal residents.

Question: Is there a cost to participate in program. No.

At completion of in-service - \$7500 payment to city to cover new expenses incurred.

Mayor noted that we spend close to half of our annual budget on security and protection for the Bancroft residents. Feels that we need to do all we can for the safety of our residents.

Offenders are flying through the city and through stop signs. In very close proximity to our city vehicles have recently been stolen.

3 Commissioners are in favor of gathering more information and one commissioner is objecting. Chief will report back with more information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Berryhill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Leppert seconded. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Edwin L Evans

Mayor

Jeanie Ruth

City Clerk